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E.O.11652: GDS TAGS: PEPR, IS, US

SUBJ: ICA OPERATIONS OUT OF CONGEN

REF: (A) STATE 126270, (B) JERUSALEM 891

- 1. EMBASSY REGRETS DELAY BUT WANTED ADVICE OF CPAO WHO WAS OUT OF COUNTRY AT TIME DEPARTMENT MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED.
- 2. EMBASSY AGREES WITH REFTEL B THAT ICA PRESENCE IN CONGEN SEEMS TO BE WORKING WELL. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY ADVERSE ISRAELI REACTION THUS FAR. LACK OF CRITICISM UNDOUBTEDLY DUE TO FACT THAT ICA OFFICER'S ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN RATHER SMALL SCALE AND THAT HE HAS KEPT A LOW PROFILE.
- 3. EMBASSY WOULD BE CONCERNED THAT DESIGNATION OF AMCONGEN ICA OFFICE AS ICA TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSEE MIGHT RESULT IN FLOOD OF WORLD-WIDE ICA MESSAGES OFFERING VARIOUS INFORMATIONAL AND CULTURAL SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL OFFICE DOES NOT NEED. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ICA WASHINGTON NOT BEGIN TO CONCEIVE OF THIS POSITION AS A FULL-FLEDGED ICA POST. THE ASSIGNMENT REMAINS SPECIAL, PERHAPS EVEN UNIQUE; ANY WASHINGTON BUILD-UP OF ITS ROLE OR ACTIVITIES COULD CAUSE CONFUSION HERE WITH ALREADY EXISTING CONFIDENTIAL

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JERUSALEM ICA CULTURAL CENTER AND WOULD INVITE THE ADVERSE ISRAELI CRITICISM THUS FAR SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED.

4. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY WOULD CONCUR IN ICA TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, IF AGENCY CAN ASSURE DEPARTMENT THAT TRAFFIC THROUGH THIS CHANNEL WILL NORMALLY BE LIMITED TO COMMUNICATIONS INTENDED FOR THIS PARTICULAR ADDRESSEE; AND IF ICA RECORDS, PUBLICATIONS ETC.

CONTINUE TO SHOW POSITION AND OFFICE AS PART OF AMCONGEN.

5. THIS CABLE HAS BEEN CLEARED IN SUBSTANCE WITH CONGEN NEWLIN. LEWIS

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